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## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **DOYLE ANNOUNCES EARLY OPENING OF IRONDEQUOIT BAY OUTLET BRIDGE**

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the two lane Irondequoit Bay Outlet Bridge (IBOB) will now be open one month earlier, from November 1 through March 31 to accommodate vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Doyle has received authorization from the United States Coast Guard to extend the dates that the bridge will be open for vehicle traffic. Joining Doyle at the announcement was County Legislator Sean Hanna Irondequoit Town Supervisor David Schantz and Webster Town Supervisor Kathy Thomas.

"We are delighted that the Coast Guard has granted the County's request to extend the dates for vehicles to cross the bridge," said Doyle. "The extra month will provide area residents additional convenience and also help promote the economic vitality of the restaurants and shops along the Seabreeze corridor. Most importantly, the bridge will continue to address the public safety concerns of community residents and area motorists during the winter, while meeting the needs of boaters and public access to Irondequoit Bay during warm weather months."

Since its completion in the winter of 1998, the Irondequoit Bay Outlet Bridge has been open for vehicle traffic from December 1 through March 31. The bridge, which connects the Towns of Irondequoit and Webster, is designed to span the outlet for vehicular traffic during cold weather months and, in conformance with permits granted by the United States Coast Guard, is removed during the boating season.

The IBOB is maintained and operated by the Monroe County Department of Transportation (DOT). County DOT operates the bridge in conformity with permits granted by the United States Coast Guard.

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